

MINUTES

Brown County

Land Information Office (LIO) Committee

Wednesday, February 21, 2007

305 East Walnut Street (Northern Building) Room 200

ROLL CALL:

Kerry Blaney	<u>X</u>	Bill Bosiacki	<u>Exc</u>
Brian Verheyden	<u>Abs</u>	Tammy Castonia	<u>X</u>
Tom Hermesen	<u>X</u>	Jim Wallen	<u>X</u>
Chuck Lamine chair	<u>X</u>	Lynn Schwarm	<u>X</u>
Ray Smith	<u>X</u>	Judy Coenen	<u>Exc</u>
Pat Ford	<u>X</u>	John Rogers	<u>Abs</u>
Cathy Williquette vice chair	<u>X</u>		
PDT Committee member	___	Executive Appointment	___

Others present: Jeff DuMez; Christopher Paquet, Mike Hronek, Francine Roberg, and Tom Giese.

1. Introduction of John Rogers to the LIO Committee

John did not attend this meeting because he was working with the Public Safety department on a limited term basis.

2. Update on LIO Committee membership

Discussion on the makeup of this committee. The vacancies were discussed. The new County Executive will fill one of his appointments, the County Planning Development & Transportation Committee will designate the County Board spot, the other open spots (Departments of Administration and Public Safety) are co-terminus with the Director of each department (the Director may choose to send a delegate).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

3. Approval of the minutes from the October 19, 2006 LIO Committee meeting

Motion by Williquette, seconded by Hermesen and carried to approve the minutes of the October 19 2006 LIO Committee.

BUSINESS:

1. Discussion with Corp. Counsel Christopher Paquet regarding Open Records, specifically recent topics including:

a. County camera / imaging policy

Christopher gave a brief review of the county's new policy on the use of cameras and other digital imaging devices. No discussion.

b. WI District II Court of Appeals ruling on Jan. 3 2007 regarding electronic assessment records (appeal # 2006AP175)

Christopher said that this case is very significant for public records dissemination in government offices. In short, it states that governments cannot hide behind contractors when it comes to providing records. More discussion on this item. No action taken.

2. Update of the LIO Policies & Procedures

Jeff DuMez provided a handout of the existing LIO policies & procedures, along with proposed revisions in red text. Most of the revisions are minor, involving updating dates, names and addresses of various departments that serve on this committee.

Motion by Williquette to approve the policies & procedures as presented. Seconded by Hermesen. Carried unanimously.

3. LIO activity report

Jeff DuMez provided another handout summarizing the recent major activities of the LIO office. Received and placed on file.

4. Other matters

4a: Discuss the Governor's Proposal to increase the Real Estate Transfer Return Fee from \$3 to \$5 and the potential impact it could have on county government

Jim Wallen described the latest proposal by Governor Doyle to change the formula for the real estate transfer return fee, which is collected at the County Register of Deeds. Discussion followed on how this could impact Brown County. These Real Estate Transfer Fees that the County retains currently goes into the County's General Fund, unlike the Document Recording Fees which go towards the Land Records Modernization/Land Information fund.

The committee believe that in it's current state, the Governor's proposal allows the state to essentially double their revenues but the County does not gain much in revenue.

Lynn Schwarm provided a document from the Wisconsin Realtors Association which stated that the WRA opposes Governor Doyle's budget proposal.

The committee felt that any increase in revenues from this proposal should be steered towards the efforts which generate the fees; that is, to steer the revenues towards the Property Listing office for upkeep of these records and base mapping. This would help wean Property Listing off of the LIO budget.

Several committee members including Jim Wallen and Cathy Williquette plan to watch this proposal carefully.

No action taken.

4b: "Wisconsin Location Matters: A Statewide Geographic Information Strategy" document

Jeff DuMez provided a copy of this document to the committee members. He explained that this document is intended to serve as a statewide framework for GIS and land records modernization efforts.

Received and placed on file.

4c: Wisconsin Land Information Program training & education grant (\$300)

Jeff DuMez informed the committee of the availability of this grant, funded through the Wisconsin Land Information Program document recording fees. This year, Brown County is eligible for the \$300 training and education grant. The committee directed Jeff to follow the proper county procedures to apply for this grant.

4d: WLIA conference: March 7-9 in Appleton

Cathy Williquette, Tammy Castonia and other members of the committee will attend this conference this year. Some of the highlights of this conference were discussed.

No action taken

Meeting adjourned at 2:15.